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Qualifications: Money-for-favors politics can come to an end. Election after election, we put people in office who take political contributions from those wanting to be remembered after the election – those wanting political favors. I almost shake my head in disbelief that we never put a stop to this. It might be a mild form of corruption compared to the outright buying sought by Rod Blagojevich, but it is still a little bit of corruption, and institutionalized right into our American political system at that.

Do you oppose special interest money having a hand in government? This time, in this race, you have a choice. I am not going to take that money. (Actually, I'm not going to accept any monetary contributions.)

Here's hoping principles do mean something. And, to boot, you'll get a good legislator, one who stands with you on most issues. (See my blogsite for what might be the exception.)

Among my stands: We need to end our something-for-nothing welfare system.